Government has urged all parties to the conflict to meet their obligations towards civilians under international humanitarian laws and begin large-scale effort to alleviate the human suffering in Iraq. Government has offered India's help in this regard.

Linking of major ports

†*408. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action plan prepared for linking of major ports with the road network;

(b) whether its feasibility study has been completed; and

(c) if so, the details with regard to the ports to be linked through road network in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) It has been decided to improve road connectivity to 10 major ports in the country. The details are given in the enclosed Statement. All the projects are targeted for completion by December, 2005.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) the nearest ports from Jharkhand are Calcutta and Haldia Ports, which are connected through National Highways-6 and 41.

Statement

Port connectivity projects

Sl. No.	Port	Stretch	Length in Km	Status	Target for completion
1.	Kandla	NH-8A (Samkhiali-Gandhidham)	56	Work completed	Completed
2.	Mormugao	NH-17B (from Port to Verna Junction on NH-17	18	Civil work contract awarded and work is in progress	December, 2003

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	JNPT	Package-I NH-4B+NH 4	30	Civil work contract awarded and work is in progress	August, 2004
4.	Haldia	NH-41 (from Kolaghat on NH-6 to Haldia)	53	Civil work contract awarded and work is in progress	March, 2005
5.	Vishakapatnam	State Road	12	Civil work contract awarded and work is in progress	Decmber, 2004
6.	Chennai and Ennore	Sea Protection work, Construction of Expressway, Upgradation of TPP road the other State Roads	30	Sea Protection work recently awarded. For rest of the work, preparation of bid documents is in progress	December, 2005
7.	Cochin	NH-47 (from Km. 348/ 382 to Km. 358/300) including 5 major bridges	10	Award of Civil work contract is under process	June, 2005
8.	Tuticorin	NH-7A (Turicorin-Tirvelvalli section)	51	Pre-qualification of Contractors completed	September, 2005
9.	Paradip	NH-5A (from km 0 to km	77	Bids have been received and are under evaluation	September, 2005
10.	JNPT	Package-II SH-54 + Amra Marg + Panvel Creek bridge	16	Pre-qualification of Contractors comp-pleted Draft MOU to be signed with Government of Maharashtra	December, 2005
11.	New Mangalore	NH-17 (Suratkal-Nantur section) + NH-48 (Padil-Bantwal section) + A bypass from Nantur junction on NH-17 to to Padil junction on NH-48	37	Pre-qualification of Contractors completed	September, 2005
		Total	390		